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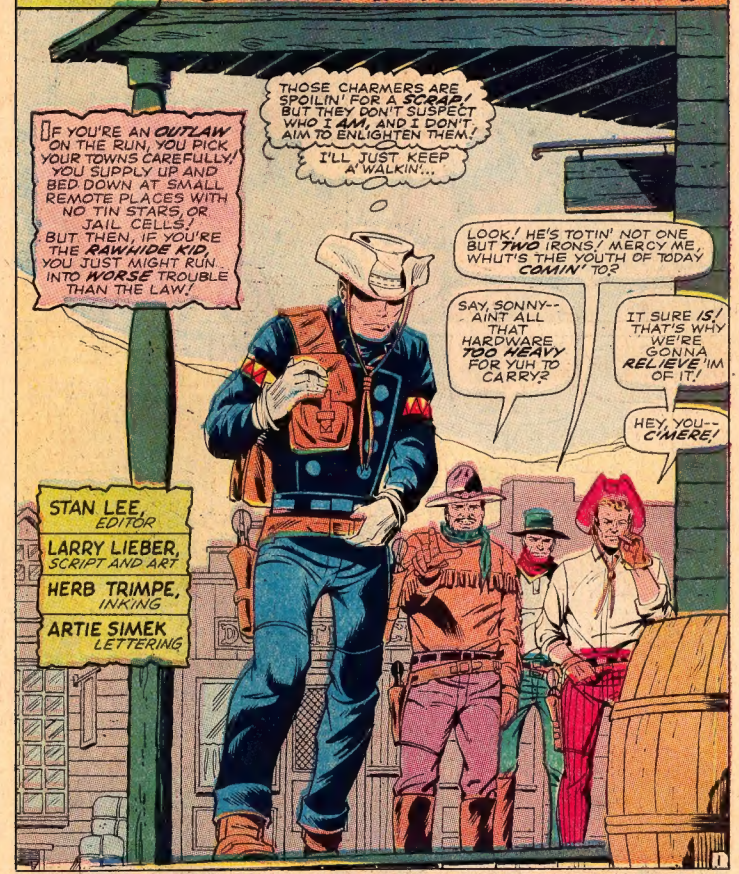
IF YOU'RE AN OUTLAW ON THE RUN, YOU PICK YOUR TOWNS CAREFULLY! YOU SLIPPLY UP AND BED DOWN AT SMALLL REMOTE PLACES WITH NO TIN STARS, OR JAIL CELLS! BUT THEN, IF YOU'RE THE RAWHIDE KID, YOU JUST MIGHT RUN INTO WORSE TROUBLE THAN THE LAW!
THOSE CHARMERS ARE SPOILIN' FOR A SCRAP! BUT THEY DON'T SUSPECT WHO I AM, AND I DON'T AIM TO ENLIGHTEN THEM!
I'LL JUST KEEP A WALKIN'...
LOOK! HE'S TOTIN' NOT ONE BUT TWO IRONS! MERCY ME, WHUT'S THE YOUTH OF TODAY COMIN' TO?
SAY, SONNY-- AIN'T ALL THAT HARDWARE TOO HEAVY FOR YUH TO CARRY?
IT SURE IS! THAT'S WHY WE'RE GONNA RELIEVE 'IM OF IT!
HEY, YOU-- C'MERE!
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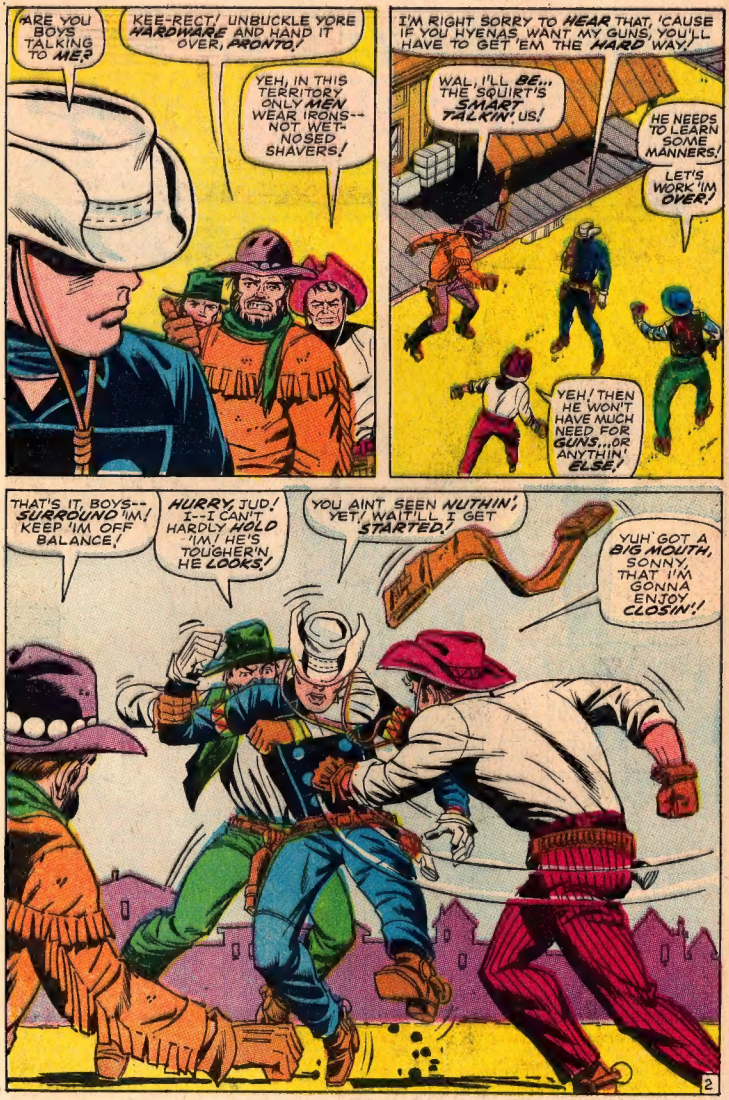
ARE YOU BOYS TALKING TO ME?
KEE-RECT! UNBUCKLE YORE HARDWARE AND HAND IT OVER, PRONTO!
YEH, IN THIS TERRITORY ONLY MEN WEAR IRONS--NOT WET-NOSED SHAVERS!
I'M RIGHT SORRY TO HEAR THAT, 'CAUSE IF YOU HYENAS WANT MY GUNS, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET 'EM THE HARD WAY!
WAL, I'LL BE... THE SQUIRT'S SMART TALKIN' US!
HE NEEDS TO LEARN SOME MANNERS!
LET'S WORK 'IM OVER!
YEH! THEN HE WON'T HAVE MUCH NEED FOR GUNS...OR ANYTHIN' ELSE!
THAT'S IT, BOYS--SURROUND 'IM! KEEP 'IM OFF BALANCE!
HURRY, JUD! I--I CAN'T HARDLY HOLD 'IM! HE'S TOUGHER'N HE LOOKS!
YOU AINT SEEN NUTHIN' YET, WAIT'LL I GET STARTED!
YUH GOT A BIG MOUTH, SONNY, THAT I'M GONNA ENJOY CLOSIN'!
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THE YOUTH--HE DEFEATED ALL OF THEM! HE MAY BE THE ONE WE SEEK! THE ONE TO SAVE US!
BUT WAIT--THE FIGHT IS NOT YET ENDED...
THAT CLICKING SOUND BEHIND ME! TEN TO ONE, THAT WAS THE COCKING OF A GUN HAMMER!
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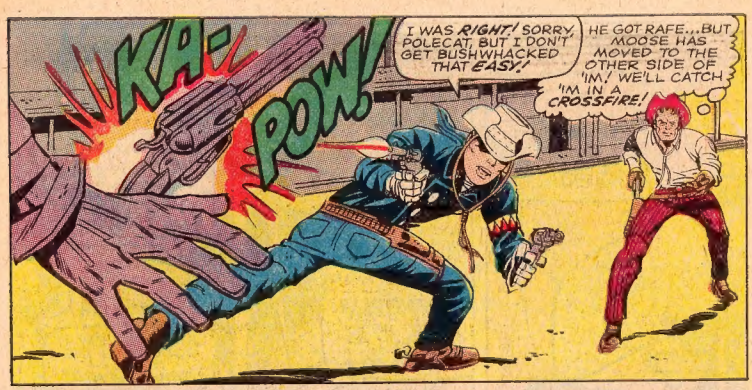
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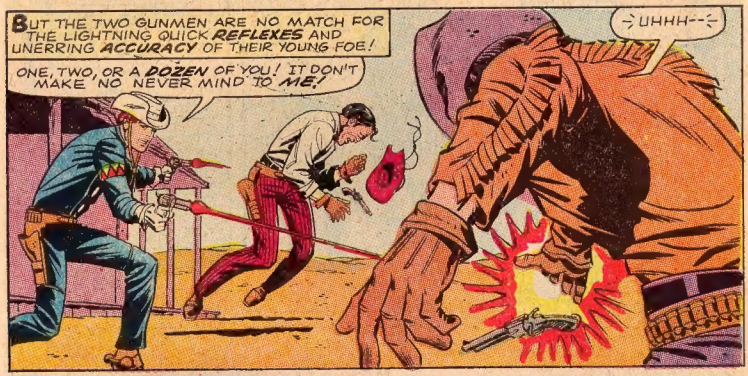
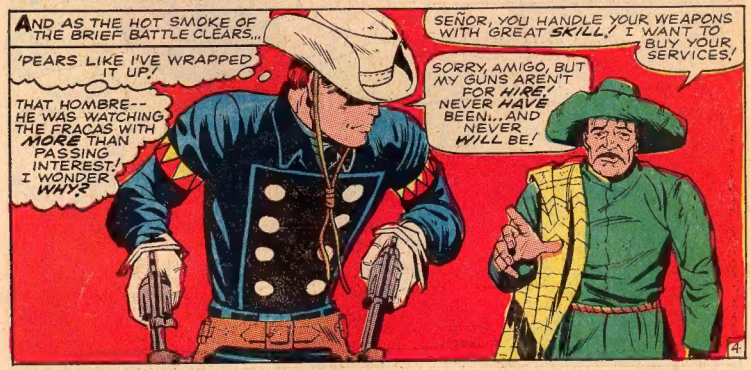
POW!
I WAS RIGHT! SORRY, POLECAT BUT I DON'T GET BUSHWHACKED THAT EASY!
HE GOT RAFE...BUT MOOSE HAS MOVED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF 'IM! WE'LL CATCH 'IM IN A CROSSFIRE!


BUT THE TWO GUNMEN ARE NO MATCH FOR THE LIGHTNING QUICK REFLEXES AND UNERRING ACCURACY OF THEIR YOUNG FOE!
ONE, TWO, OR A DOZEN OF YOU! IT DON'T MAKE NO NEVER MIND TO ME!
-:UHHH--:-


AND AS THE HOT SMOKE OF THE BRIEF BATTLE CLEARS...
'PEARS LIKE I'VE WRAPPED IT UP!
THAT HOMBRE--HE WAS WATCHING THE FRACAS WITH MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST! I WONDER WHY?
SEÑOR, YOU HANDLE YOUR WEAPONS WITH GREAT SKILL! I WANT TO BUY YOUR SERVICES!
SORRY, AMIGO, BUT MY GUNS AREN'T FOR HIRE! NEVER HAVE BEEN...AND NEVER WILL BE!

BUT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND! IT IS NOT I ALONE WHO HAS NEED OF YOU, BUT MY ENTIRE VILLAGE!
WHY?
BECAUSE THE BANDIT ZAMORA AND HIS DESPERADOES PREY UPON US LIKE WOLVES UPON THE CHICKENS!
MY PEOPLE ARE SIMPLE FARMERS--UNSKILLED IN THE USE OF GUNS!
WE ARE NO MATCH FOR THE BANDITOS WHO DESCEND FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO STEAL THE FRUITS OF OUR TOIL!
CAN'T THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HELP YOU?
OUR VILLAGE IS SMALL AND FAR REMOVED FROM THE LAW'S PROTECTION!
IF ZAMORA IS TO BE STOPPED, IT MUST BE BY ONE SUCH AS YOU, SEÑOR...A GUNFIGHTER!
WE HAVE LITTLE MONEY! BUT WE WILL GLADLY GIVE IT ALL TO YOU, IF ONLY YOU WILL DEFEAT THE DESPERADOES!
THERE ARE SOME FOLKS WHO THINK I'M A DESPERADO MYSELF!
MAYBE THAT DOES FIT ME FOR THE JOB,!
OKAY, SEÑOR, I'LL HELP YOUR VILLAGE--BUT NOT FOR MONEY!
THEN FOR WHAT REASON?
LET'S JUST SAY IT GOES WITH THE NAME--RAWHIDE KID!
BUT EVEN AS THE KID AND HIS COMPANION HEAD SOUTH, MENACING HOOFBEATS AGAIN THUNDER TOWARD A HELPLESS VILLAGE!
IT IS ZAMORA AND HIS OUTLAWS!
WE MUST FLEE! WE MUST HIDE!
NO! THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM ZAMORA!
WE MUST REMAIN AND ENDURE HIS TYRANNY, AS ONE SUFFERS THE STORM!
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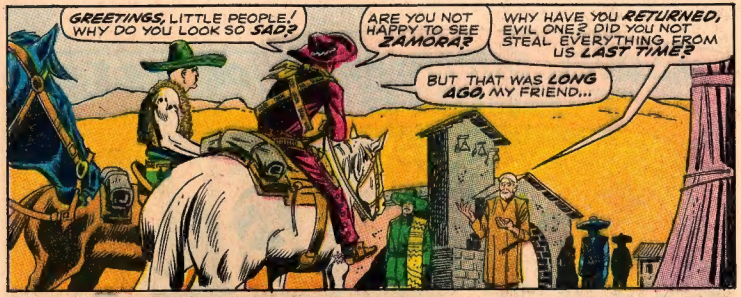
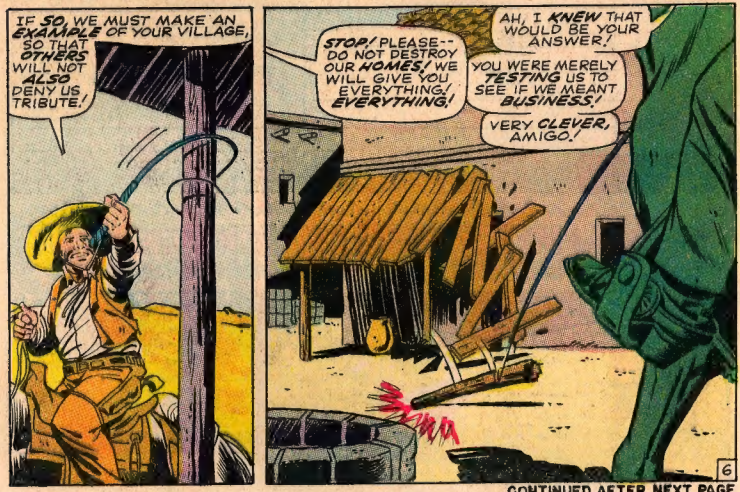

GREETINGS, LITTLE PEOPLE! WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SAD?
ARE YOU NOT HAPPY TO SEE ZAMORA?
WHY HAVE YOU RETURNED, EVIL ONE? DID YOU NOT STEAL EVERYTHING FROM US LAST TIME?
BUT THAT WAS LONG AGO, MY FRIEND...

SINCE THEN, YOU HAVE HAD TIME TO WORK HARD AND REPLACE WHAT WE TOOK...
AND SO, WE ARE BACK AGAIN--TO TAKE AGAIN!
BUT MAYBE YOU HAVE BEEN LAZY--AND THERE IS NOTHING FOR US TO STEAL...


IF SO, WE MUST MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOUR VILLAGE, SO THAT OTHERS WILL NOT ALSO DENY US TRIBUTE!
STOP! PLEASE--DO NOT DESTROY OUR HOMES! WE WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING! EVERYTHING!
AH, I KNEW THAT WOULD BE YOUR ANSWER!
YOU WERE MERELY TESTING US TO SEE IF WE MEANT BUSINESS!
VERY CLEVER, AMIGO!
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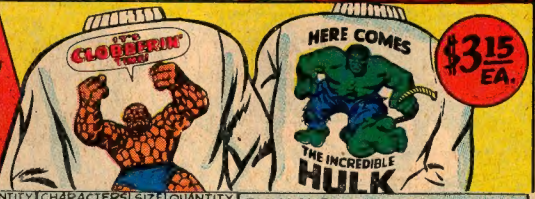

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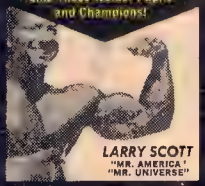

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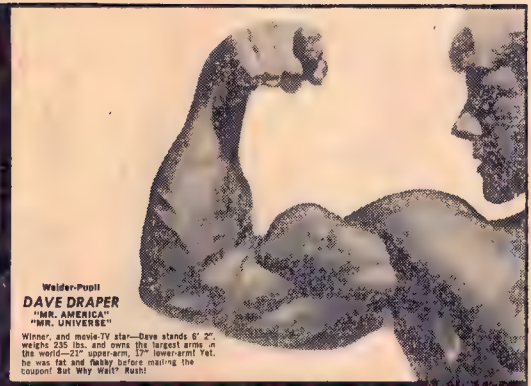

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BUT THEN, ZAMORA TURNS FROM PHILOSOPHY TO MATTER'S MORE MUNDANE...
AH, MARIA, HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU LOOK TODAY! WHEN WILL YOU STOP THIS FOOLISHNESS AND AGREE TO BECOME MY WIFE?
I'D SOONER MARRY A PIG!

BAH! A WOMAN'S FOOLISH PRIDE! JUST BECAUSE YOU DO NOT LOVE ME! BUT NO MATTER! IN TIME...
I WILL LOATHE YOU EVEN MORE THAN I DO NOW!
UNMAND ME!

I SAID, RELEASE ME!
SLAP!

CHIHUAHUA! WHAT SPIRIT! WHAT A TEMPER! IS IT ANY WONDER THAT ZAMORA ADORES YOU?
I HOPE THAT YOU DO ADORE ME...
...SO THAT YOUR FUTILE UNRETURNED LOVE WILL CAUSE YOU TO SUFFER... AS YOU CAUSE MY PEOPLE TO SUFFER!
YOUR PEOPLE ARE SHEEP, BORN TO BE SHEARED! AMONG THEM, ONLY YOU WALK WITH A SPINE! HASTA LA VISTA!
BUT SOON, THERE COMES ANOTHER WHOSE SPINE HAS NEVER BEEN DOUBTED...
LOOK! MENDOZA RETURNS... BUT WITH ONLY ONE HOMBRE!
HE IS CALLED THE RAWHIDE KID! HE WILL DEFEAT THE BANDITOS!
BUT THEY ARE SO MANY! HOW CAN HE ALONE STOP THEM?
WITH SKILL AND EXPERIENCE! I'LL SHOW YOU! SET UP SOME TIN CANS!
MADRE! HOW CAN ONE SO YOUNG HAVE LEARNED TO SHOOT SO WELL?
THE HARD WAY-- OF NECESSITY!
SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE?
YOUR GUN IS SWIFT AND TRUE, SENOR!
I PRAY IT WILL BE NO LESS SO AGAINST THE DESPERADOES!
SO DO I, AMIGO... SO DO I...
POW! KA-POW! POW! POW!

WORD OF THE KID'S PRESENCE SOON SPREADS THRU-OUT THE TERRITORY, UNTIL IN SOME HAPLESS DISTANT VILLAGE...
IT IS MY NATURE TO BE KIND AND FORGIVING... BUT YOUR DEFIANCE FORCES ME TO ACT OTHERWISE!
YOU CAN BEND ME TO YOUR WILL, ZAMORA... BUT NOT THE AMERICANO WHO HAS VOWED TO DEFEAT YOU! HE WILL PUT AN END TO YOUR TYRANNY, FOREVER!
AMERICANO? WHAT AMERICANO? WHO IS THIS GRINGO WHO DARES THREATEN ZAMORA? SPEAK, DOG! SPEAK!!
AND SINCE WORD SOMEHOW TRAVELS FASTER THAN MAN OR ANIMAL...
THE DESPERADOES HAVE LEARNED ABOUT YOU! THEY ARE COMING TO KILL YOU!
YET, INSTEAD OF PREPARING FOR BATTLE, YOU JUST CALMLY SIT THERE!
THERE'S NOT MUCH ELSE TO DO, SEÑORITA! I'M NOT A BUSH-WHACKER! I DON'T AMBUSH MY ENEMIES! I'VE GOT TO WAIT UNTIL THEY MAKE THEIR PLAY!
BUT ONCE THEY START THE FRACAS, I'LL GIVE YOU A DAY TO TELL YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT! S'HELP ME, GAL!
LOOK! THE SIGNAL! THE DESPERADOES ARE COMING!
TAKE COVER, SEÑORITA! THE TIME FOR WORDS HAS ENDED!
FROM HERE ON OUT, I SPEAK WITH THESE!
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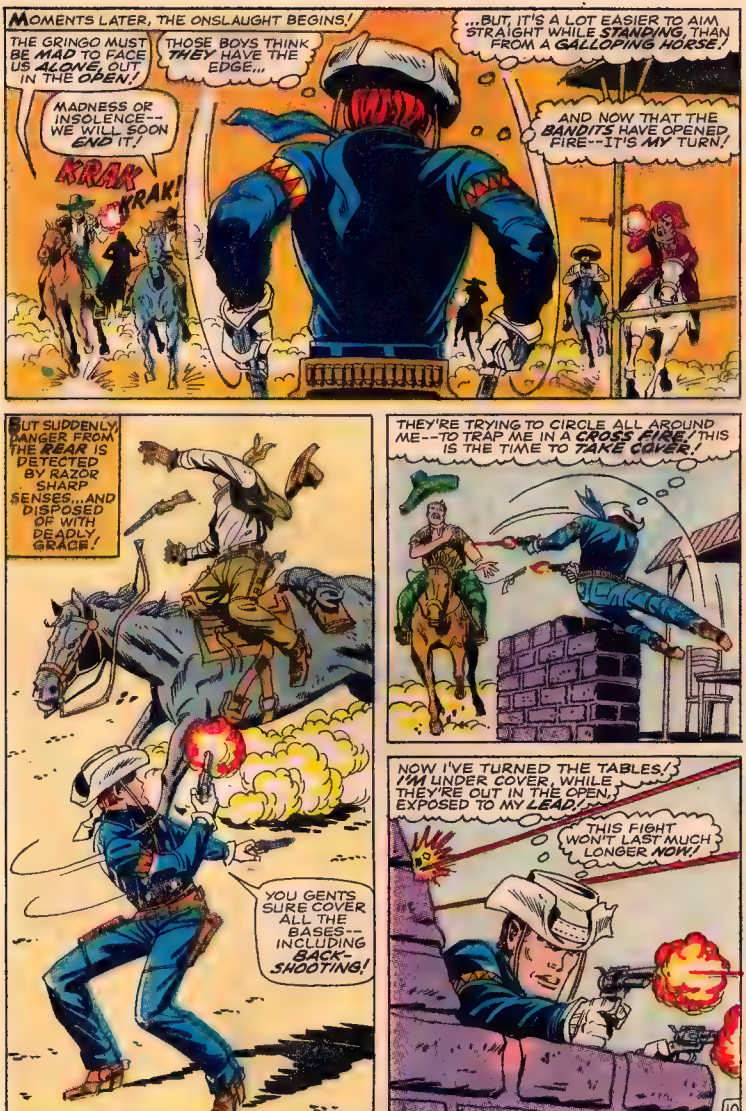
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THOSE BOYS THINK THEY HAVE THE EDGE...
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MADNESS OR INSOLENCE--WE WILL SOON END IT!
KRAK
KRAK!
AND NOW THAT THE BANDITS HAVE OPENED FIRE--IT'S MY TURN!
BUT SUDDENLY, DANGER FROM THE REAR IS DETECTED BY RAZOR SHARP SENSES...AND DISPOSED OF WITH DEADLY GRACE!
YOU GENTS SURE COVER ALL THE BASES--INCLUDING BACK-SHOOTING!
THEY'RE TRYING TO CIRCLE ALL AROUND ME--TO TRAP ME IN A CROSS FIRE! THIS IS THE TIME TO TAKE COVER!
NOW I'VE TURNED THE TABLES! I'M UNDER COVER, WHILE THEY'RE OUT IN THE OPEN, EXPOSED TO MY LEAD!
THIS FIGHT WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER NOW!

BUT THE WILY BANDIT CHIEF HAS NO INTENTION OF LOSING THE SHOOT-OUT!
MARIA COMES OUT OF HIDING, TO SAVOR OUR DEFEAT BY THE GRINGO! FOR THIS, SHE WILL PAY! SHE HERSELF WILL TURN OUR DEFEAT INTO VICTORY!
WHA--LET GO--PUT ME DOWN!
NOT ON YOUR LIFE, LITTLE ONE!
YOU--PROTECTOR OF THIS VILLAGE--DROP YOUR GUNS, OR THE SEÑORITA DIES!
WHA--YOU WOULDN'T, YOU'RE BLUFFING!
ZAMORA DOES NOT BLUFF! YOUR GUNS, SEÑOR!
I-I CAN'T RISK HER LIFE!
OKAY, POLECAT, YOU WIN...
...FOR NOW!
FOR NOW AND ALWAYS, HA! HA!
TELL ME, AMERICANO, WHY YOU DEFEND THESE WORTHLESS PEASANTS? WHY YOU TAKE ON HOPELESS ODDS IN A FIGHT THAT IS NOT YOURS?
I RECKON I JUST NATURALLY HATE BULLIES AND THIEVES NO MATTER WHICH SIDE OF THE BORDER THEY'RE ON!
THOSE ARE BRAVE WORDS THAT YOU WILL SOON REGRET!
PUT THIS GRINGO ON HIS HORSE! WE ARE MOVING OUT!
FROM NOW ON, HOMBRE, YOU RIDE WITH US, FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE, TIED UP LIKE A HELPLESS ANIMAL!
I WANT ALL THE PEASANTS TO SEE THE FATE OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE ME!
IT WILL DISCOURAGE THEM FROM SENDING FOR MORE GRINGO PROTECTORS!
I ALONE AM TO BLAME FOR THIS! HAD I NOT LEFT MY PLACE OF HIDING, THE KID WOULD HAVE DEFEATED THE BANDITOS!
INSTEAD, HE IS NOW A PRISONER, AND MY PEOPLE ARE STILL AT THE MERCY OF ZAMORA!
YET ALL IS NOT LOST! I CAN STILL RIGHT THE WRONG I HAVE DONE!
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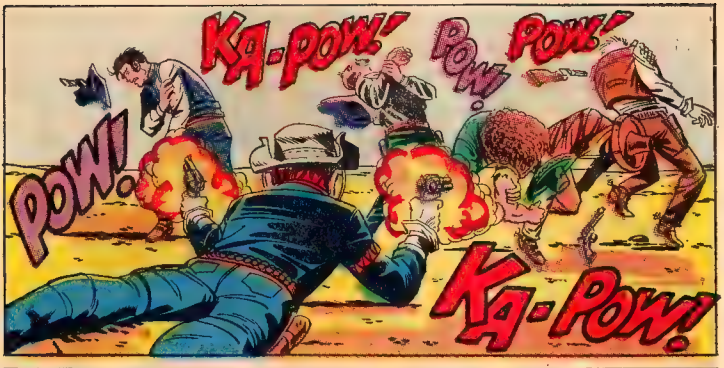
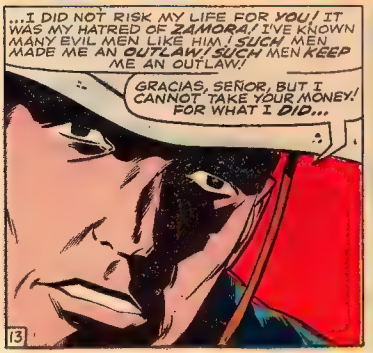
THE NEXT DAY, AT A HIDDEN CAMP SITE...
WE'LL EAT AND REST UP! THEN MOVE ON!
BUT YOU, GRINGO, WILL NOT EAT! A HALF-STARVED CAPTIVE WILL SERVE AS A GRIM WARNING TO OTHERS WHO HOPE TO OPPOSE ME!
AND HALF-STARVED CAPTIVES DON'T ESCAPE, EITHER! I MUST MAKE MY PLAY WHILE I STILL CAN! BUT WHAT PLAY?
AND THEN, AS IF IN ANSWER TO A PRAYER...
PSSSST, KID--I FOLLOWED YOU! I BROUGHT YOUR GUNS!
GOOD GIRL! BUT I CAN'T SHOOT WITH MY HANDS TIED!
THEY WILL NOT BE TIED MUCH LONGER! I ALSO BROUGHT A KNIFE!
AND AS THE UNSUSPECTING OUTLAWS TAKE THEIR REST...
OKAY, HOMBRES, I'M BACK IN BUSINESS! AND YOU'VE JUST RETIRED! DROP YOUR HARDWARE!
NOT WHILE WE OUTNUMBER YOU, GRINGO! IT IS YOU WHO MUST SURRENDER--OR DIE!
YOU RECKON YOU CAN ALL TAKE ME, EH! OKAY, GENTS...
KA-POW!
KA-POW!
POW!
...TRY IT!!
POW!
KA-POW!


KA-POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
KA-POW!

YOU DID IT, SEÑOR KID! YOU BEAT THEM ALL!
I WISH THERE HAD BEEN SOME OTHER WAY! BUT WITH MEN LIKE ZAMORA, THERE NEVER IS!

LATER, BACK AT A GRATEFUL VILLAGE...
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR US! WE KEPT THIS MONEY BURIED, SAFE FROM THE BANDITOS! WE WANT YOU TO HAVE IT FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!
YOU'RE MISTAKEN, AMIGO...


...I DID NOT RISK MY LIFE FOR YOU! IT WAS MY HATRED OF ZAMORA! I'VE KNOWN MANY EVIL MEN LIKE HIM! SUCH MEN MADE ME AN OUTLAW! SUCH MEN KEEP ME AN OUTLAW!
GRACIAS, SEÑOR, BUT I CANNOT TAKE YOUR MONEY! FOR WHAT I DID...
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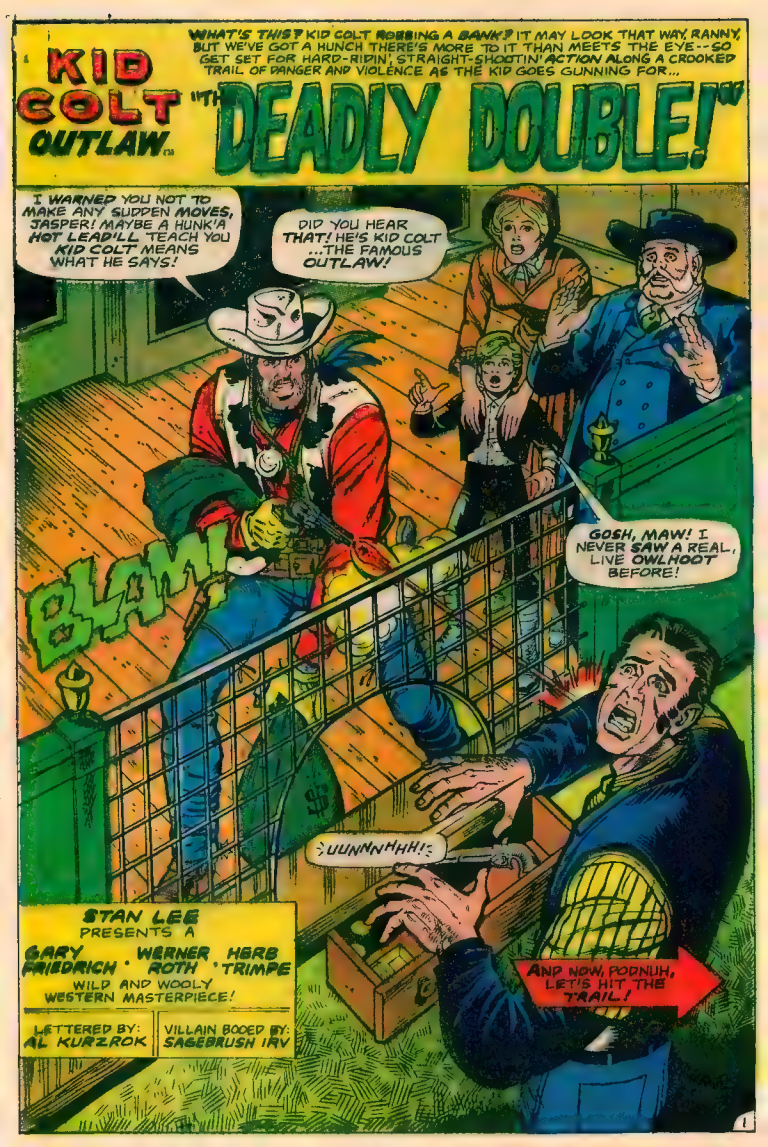
...I DID FOR MYSELF!

LOOK AT HIM WELL, AMIGOS...FOR THERE GOES A MAN, THE LIKES OF WHICH WE MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN!
THE END


KID COLT OUTLAW
"THE DEADLY DOUBLE!"
WHAT'S THIS? KID COLT ROBBING A BANK? IT MAY LOOK THAT WAY, RANNY, BUT WE'VE GOT A HUNCH THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN MEETS THE EYE--SO GET SET FOR HARD-RIDIN', STRAIGHT-SHOOTIN' ACTION ALONG A CROOKED TRAIL OF DANGER AND VIOLENCE AS THE KID GOES GUNNING FOR...
I WARNED YOU NOT TO MAKE ANY SUDDEN MOVES, JASPER! MAYBE A HUNK'A HOT LEAD'LL TEACH YOU KID COLT MEANS WHAT HE SAYS!
DID YOU HEAR THAT! HE'S KID COLT ...THE FAMOUS OUTLAW!
BLAM!
GOSH, MAW! I NEVER SAW A REAL, LIVE OWLHOOT BEFORE!
UUNNNHHH!
AND NOW, PODNUH, LET'S HIT THE TRAIL!
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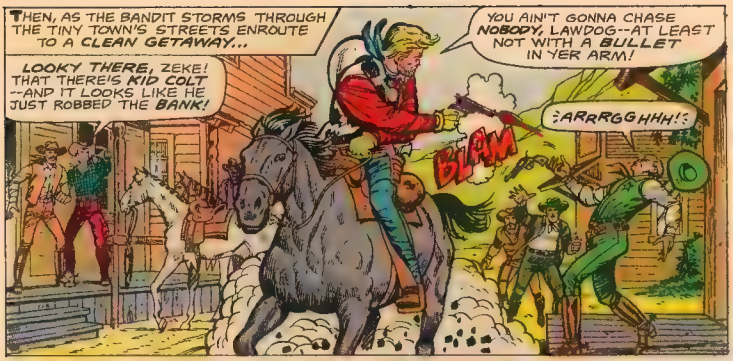
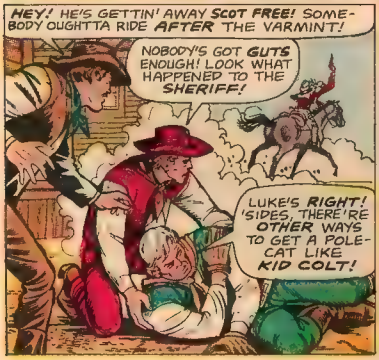
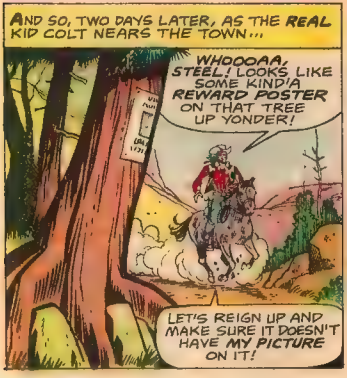
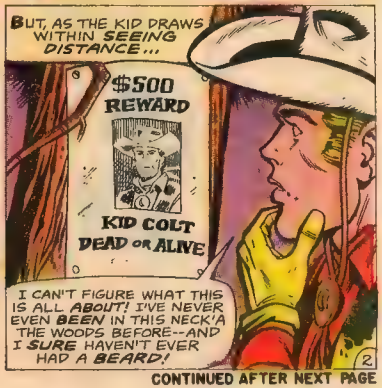

THEN, AS THE BANDIT STORMS THROUGH THE TINY TOWN'S STREETS ENROUTE TO A CLEAN GETAWAY...
LOOKY THERE, ZEKE! THAT THERE'S KID COLT --AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE JUST ROBBED THE BANK!
YOU AIN'T GONNA CHASE NOBODY, LAWDOG--AT LEAST NOT WITH A BULLET IN YER ARM!
BLAM
:ARRRGGHHH!:


HEY! HE'S GETTIN' AWAY SCOT FREE! SOMEBODY OUGHTTA RIDE AFTER THE VARMINT!
NOBODY'S GOT GUTS ENOUGH! LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SHERIFF!
LUKE'S RIGHT! 'SIDES, THERE'RE OTHER WAYS TO GET A POLECAT LIKE KID COLT!


AND SO, TWO DAYS LATER, AS THE REAL KID COLT NEARS THE TOWN...
WHOOOAA, STEEL! LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND'A REWARD POSTER ON THAT TREE UP YONDER!
LET'S REIGN UP AND MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HAVE MY PICTURE ON IT!


BUT, AS THE KID DRAWS WITHIN SEEING DISTANCE...
$500 REWARD
KID COLT
DEAD OR ALIVE
I CAN'T FIGURE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN IN THIS NECK'A THE WOODS BEFORE--AND I SURE HAVEN'T EVER HAD A BEARD!
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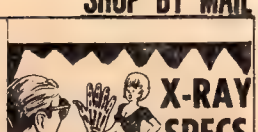

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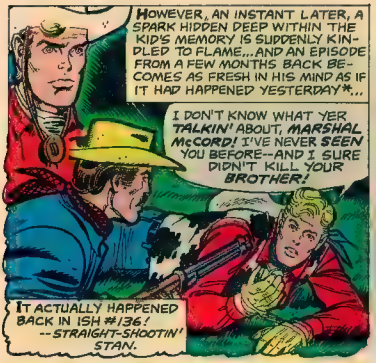
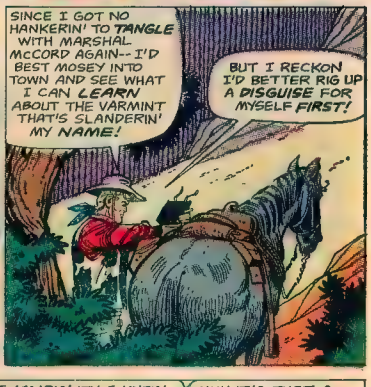
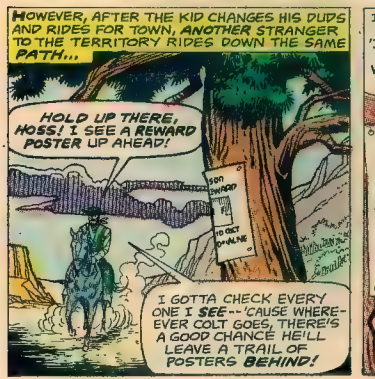

HOWEVER, AN INSTANT LATER, A SPARK HIDDEN DEEP WITHIN THE KID'S MEMORY IS SUDDENLY KINDLED TO FLAME...AND AN EPISODE FROM A FEW MONTHS BACK BECOMES AS FRESH IN HIS MIND AS IF IT HAD HAPPENED YESTERDAY*...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YER TALKIN' ABOUT, MARSHAL McCORD! I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE--AND I SURE DIDN'T KILL YOUR BROTHER!
IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED BACK IN ISH #136! --STRAIGHT-SHOOTIN' STAN.

"THAT'S IT! MAYBE THIS JASPER ON THE REWARD POSTER IS THE SAME ONE WHO DID KILL THE MARSHAL'S BROTHER AND THEN TRIED TO PIN IT ON ME!
SURE I'LL TEAM UP WITH YOU, PATCH! THE MARSHAL HERE WAS AIMIN' TO RUN ME IN ANYWAY!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, COLT--IF I HAVE TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE TRACKING YOU DOWN!

BUT THE MARSHAL'S OUTLOOK CHANGED A MITE WHEN HE FOUND OUT I WAS ONLY STALLIN' FOR TIME...
HIT THE DIRT, MARSHAL! THIS IS WHERE WE LEAVE THESE VARMINTS!
KARAK!
AND THAT I REALLY AIMED TO HELP HIM CATCH LARSON AND HIS GANG...WHICH I DID! BUT, WHEN HE LET ME GO FREE, HE VOWED WE'D MEET AGAIN SOME DAY--AND THAT TIME HE MIGHT GET ME, UNLESS I CATCH THE MAN WHO REALLY KILLED HIS BROTHER!


SINCE I GOT NO HANKERIN' TO TANGLE WITH MARSHAL McCORD AGAIN--I'D BEST MOSEY INTO TOWN AND SEE WHAT I CAN LEARN ABOUT THE VARMINT THAT'S SLANDERIN' MY NAME!
BUT I RECKON I'D BETTER RIG UP A DISGUISE FOR MYSELF FIRST!


HOWEVER, AFTER THE KID CHANGES HIS DUDS AND RIDES FOR TOWN, ANOTHER STRANGER TO THE TERRITORY RIDES DOWN THE SAME PATH...
HOLD UP THERE, HOSS! I SEE A REWARD POSTER UP AHEAD!
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I GOTTA CHECK EVERY ONE I SEE--'CAUSE WHEREEVER COLT GOES, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE HE'LL LEAVE A TRAIL OF POSTERS BEHIND!

I KNEW IT! I KNEW I'D CATCH UP WITH 'IM AGAIN EVENTUALLY! THIS TIME THERE WON'T BE ANY ESCAPE FOR HIM!
NOW IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE PAYS FOR GUNNIN' DOWN MY BROTHER... I SWEAR IT!
$500 REWARD
KID COLT DEAD OR ALIVE
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AND, IN TOWN, THE DISGUISED KID HOPES FOR A LEAD AS HE STARES INTO A PAIL OF SUDS...
MAYBE I CAN PICK UP A CLUE BY DOING A LITTLE EAVESDROPPIN'!
ONE OF THOSE LOOSE-JAWED HOMBRES JUST MIGHT KNOW SOMETHIN'!
SUDDENLY, THE DOOR SLAMS OPEN AND THE KID DOES A DOUBLE-TAKE...
O.K., GENTS--THIS IS A STICK-UP! SCRATCH A CLOUD AN' DON'T NOBODY TRY NOTHIN' CUTE!
WHY--IT'S INCREDIBLE! EXCEPT FOR THE BEARD HE'S MY DOUBLE! THIS MUST BE THE DUDE THAT'S BEEN CALLIN' THE LAW DOWN ON ME!
WRONG! IT'S YOUR TURN TO CRINGE, YOU MOUSE-MUSCLED MAVERICK! DROP YOUR IRONS AND GRAB AIR!
WHA--?!
BUT THE KID'S LIGHTNING DRAW IS SLOWED BY HIS HEAVY COAT...
YOUR FACE-STEALIN' DAYS ARE OVER! YOU'RE COMIN' B---!
KRAK!!
THIS LEAD SAYS I AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE!
SOME HOURS LATER...
--WHERE AM I? SOMEBODY THERE--CAN'T MAKE HIM OUT--!
YOU BET THERE IS, KID! YOUR KILLIN' DAYS ARE OVER, YUH MURDERIN' SKUNK!
I'VE BROKE MUH BACK RIDIN' HERD ON YUH, BUT IT'S BEEN WORTH IT! I AIM TO SEE YUH DANCE AT THE END OF A ROPE FOR KILLIN' MY BROTHER!
YOU'RE MAKIN' A BIG MISTAKE, McCORD! IF YOU'LL JUST LISTEN--!
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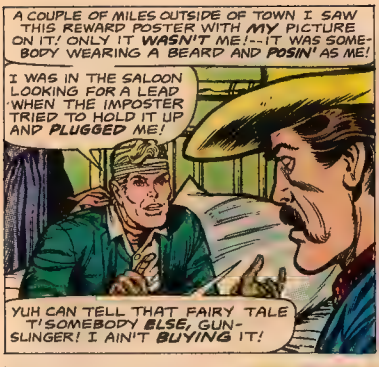
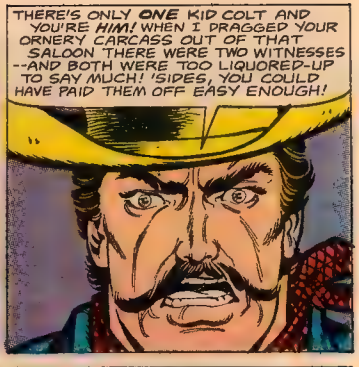
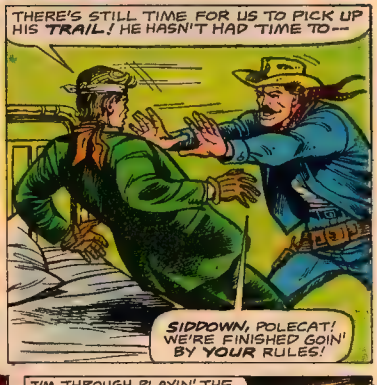

A COUPLE OF MILES OUTSIDE OF TOWN I SAW THIS REWARD POSTER WITH MY PICTURE ON IT! ONLY IT WASN'T ME!--IT WAS SOMEBODY WEARING A BEARD AND POSIN' AS ME!
I WAS IN THE SALOON LOOKING FOR A LEAD WHEN THE IMPOSTER TRIED TO HOLD IT UP AND PLUGGED ME!
YUH CAN TELL THAT FAIRY TALE T'SOMEBODY ELSE, GUNSLINGER! I AIN'T BUYING IT!


THERE'S ONLY ONE KID COLT AND YOU'RE HIM! WHEN I DRAGGED YOUR ORNERY CARCASS OUT OF THAT SALOON THERE WERE TWO WITNESSES --AND BOTH WERE TOO LIQUORED-UP TO SAY MUCH! 'SIDES, YOU COULD HAVE PAID THEM OFF EASY ENOUGH!

WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN TO REASON, McCORD?! ASK THE SALOON KEEPER! HE'LL TELL YOU THE OWLHOOT WHO WINGED ME WAS WEARING A BEARD!
THE SALOON KEEPER IS DEAD! YOU MUST HAVE GOT HIM WITH A WILD SHOT BEFORE YOU WENT DOWN!



I'M THROUGH PLAYIN' THE PEACE OFFICER, KID! YOU'RE NOT GONNA LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO STAND TRIAL!
THAT'LL TAKE A HEAP OF DOIN', BADGE-MAN!
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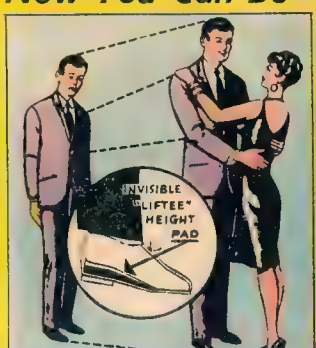

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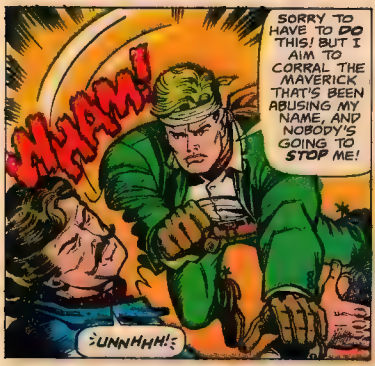
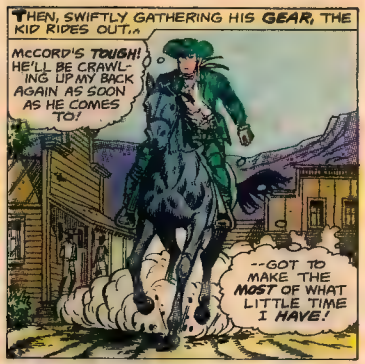
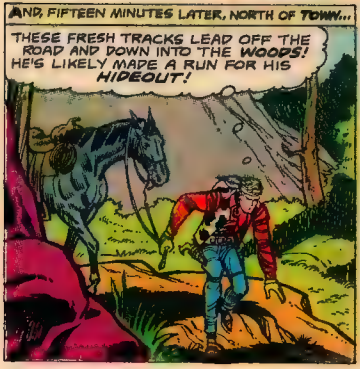
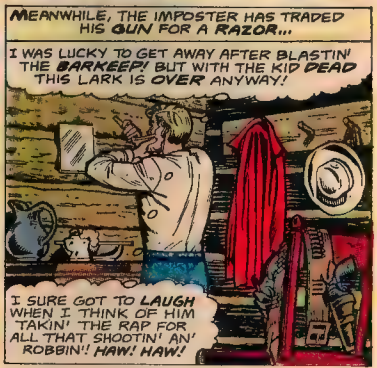
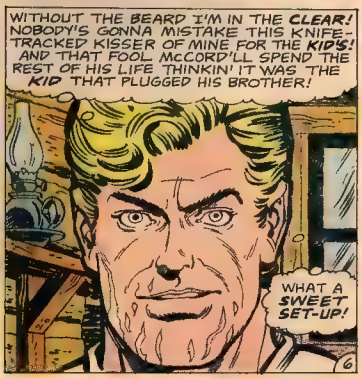

SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS! BUT I AIM TO CORRAL THE MAVERICK THAT'S BEEN ABUSING MY NAME, AND NOBODY'S GOING TO STOP ME!
HYAH!
UNNHHH!


THEN, SWIFTLY GATHERING HIS GEAR, THE KID RIDES OUT...
McCORD'S TOUGH! HE'LL BE CRAWLING UP MY BACK AGAIN AS SOON AS HE COMES TO!
--GOT TO MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT LITTLE TIME I HAVE!


AND, FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, NORTH OF TOWN...
THESE FRESH TRACKS LEAD OFF THE ROAD AND DOWN INTO THE WOODS! HE'S LIKELY MADE A RUN FOR HIS HIDEOUT!

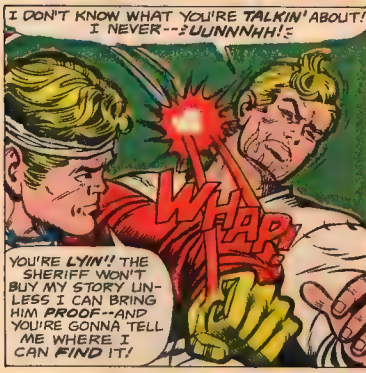

MEANWHILE, THE IMPOSTER HAS TRADED HIS GUN FOR A RAZOR...
I WAS LUCKY TO GET AWAY AFTER BLASTIN' THE BARKEEP! BUT WITH THE KID DEAD THIS LARK IS OVER ANYWAY!
I SURE GOT TO LAUGH WHEN I THINK OF HIM TAKIN' THE RAP FOR ALL THAT SHOOTIN' AN' ROBBIN'! HAW! HAW!

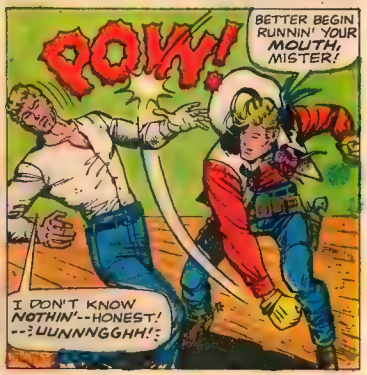
TO BAD IT HAD TO END SO SOON! AN' JUST WHEN I WAS BEGINNING TO REALLY ENJOY IT!
BUT I GUESS ALL GOOD THINGS GOTTA COME TO AN END! I'VE STASHED AWAY ENOUGH DOUGH TO LAST ME A LIFETIME!


WITHOUT THE BEARD I'M IN THE CLEAR! NOBODY'S GONNA MISTAKE THIS KNIFE-TRACKED KISSER OF MINE FOR THE KID'S! AND THAT FOOL McCORD'LL SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE THINKIN' IT WAS THE KID THAT PLUGGED HIS BROTHER!
WHAT A SWEET SET-UP!

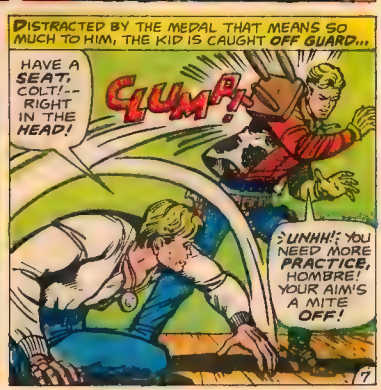
BUT, THE DRY-GULCHER'S GLOATING IS CUT SHORT AS THE DOOR RIPS OPEN...
NOT SO FAST, HOT-SHOT! YOU AN' ME ARE GONNA HAVE A LITTLE POW-WOW!
HUH! WHUT THE--!

NO, KID--I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHIN'! IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE! YOU CAN KEEP THE LOOT FOR YOURSELF--ONLY PLEASE DON'T WORK ME OVER!
NO DICE, RAT! NOW WHERE'D YOU HIDE THAT MEDALLION YOU WERE WEARIN' WHEN YOU GUNNED McCORD'S BROTHER? TALK, OR I'LL...


I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT! I NEVER--;UUNNNHH!;
WHAP!
YOU'RE LYIN'! THE SHERIFF WON'T BUY MY STORY UNLESS I CAN BRING HIM PROOF--AND YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND IT!


POW!
BETTER BEGIN RUNNIN' YOUR MOUTH, MISTER!
I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'--HONEST! --;UUNNNGGHH!;

AND, AS THE ORNERY OWLHOOT TRIES TO SHAKE OFF THE KID'S SUNDAY SPECIAL...
THE MEDALLION!! YOU WERE WEARING IT ALL THE TIME!
NO I WASN'T! I FOUND IT! I MEAN I WON IT IN A POKER GAME!


DISTRACTED BY THE MEDAL THAT MEANS SO MUCH TO HIM, THE KID IS CAUGHT OFF GUARD...
HAVE A SEAT, COLT!--RIGHT IN THE HEAD!
CLUMP!
;UNHH!; YOU NEED MORE PRACTICE, HOMBRE! YOUR AIM'S A MITE OFF!

KNOWING THAT HE'S NO MATCH FOR THE KID'S FLAILING FISTS, THE BATTERED BUSHWHACKER HEADS FOR THE HILLS...
NOT SO TOUGH WITHOUT A GUN, ARE YUH?!
YOU AIN'T GOT ME YET, COLT!
IF I CAN MAKE IT TO THOSE WOODS, HE'LL NEVER FIND ME!
OOOOFF!!
STICK AROUND, SNAKE! IT'S NOT POLITE TO LEAVE WHEN YOU'VE GOT COMPANY!
NOW FORK OVER THAT MEDALLION, COYOTE! OR SO HELP ME WHEN I FINISH WITH YUH, THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH TO PICK UP WITH A BLOTTER!
LOOK! THERE'S STILL TIME TO MAKE A DEAL! WE CAN--
WOPP!!
TIME'S RUN OUT! MAYBE THIS'LL HELP YUH GET THE MESSAGE!
:UNNNHH!:
BUT, THE PUNISHING POWER OF THE KID'S PUNCH ALMOST SPELLS DISASTER...
GOT TO GET HIM BEFORE HE GOES DOWN THE WELL!
PLUNK
:OOOHHHH!:
HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! HIS HEAD MUST HAVE HIT THE WALL WHEN HE FELL!
AT LEAST I GOT HIM IN TIME TO SAVE HIS---
THE MEDALLION! --IT'S GONE!!
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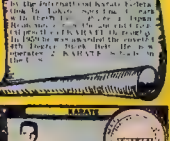

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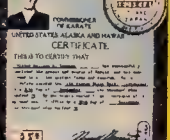

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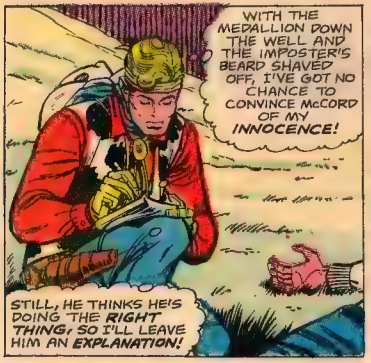
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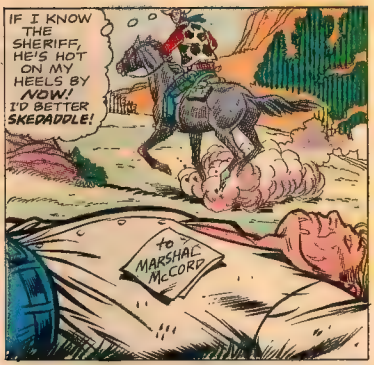
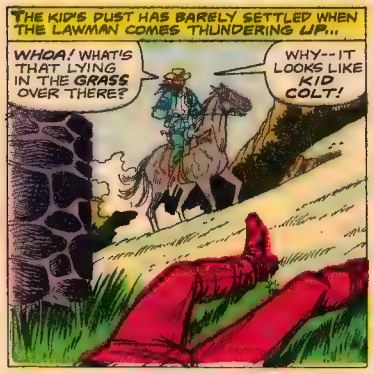
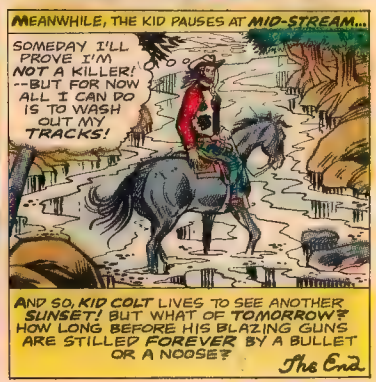
STILL, HE THINKS HE'S DOING THE RIGHT THING, SO I'LL LEAVE HIM AN EXPLANATION!


IF I KNOW THE SHERIFF, HE'S HOT ON MY HEELS BY NOW! I'D BETTER SKEDADDLE!
to MARSHAL McCORD


THE KID'S DUST HAS BARELY SETTLED WHEN THE LAWMAN COMES THUNDERING UP...
WHOA! WHAT'S THAT LYING IN THE GRASS OVER THERE?
WHY--IT LOOKS LIKE KID COLT!

BUT, AFTER READING THE LETTER...
LOOKS LIKE I MISSED THE BOAT AGAIN! COLT MUST HAVE KNOCKED THIS POOR FELLA OUT AND LEFT THE NOTE HOPIN' TO PIN THE RAP ON HIM!
BUT IT WON'T WORK!

YOU'RE SLIPPERY, COLT--BUT I'LL GET YOU! I'LL TRACK YOU DOWN IF IT TAKES A LIFETIME...
--AND WHEN I FIND YOU, YOU'LL RUE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN! IN MY BROTHER'S NAME--I SWEAR IT!!


MEANWHILE, THE KID PAUSES AT MID-STREAM...
SOMEDAY I'LL PROVE I'M NOT A KILLER! --BUT FOR NOW ALL I CAN DO IS TO WASH OUT MY TRACKS!
AND SO, KID COLT LIVES TO SEE ANOTHER SUNSET! BUT WHAT OF TOMORROW? HOW LONG BEFORE HIS BLAZING GUNS ARE STILLED FOREVER BY A BULLET OR A NOOSE?
The End

RIDIN' THE TRAIL WITH RAWHIDE

c/o MARVEL COMICS GROUP, 625 MADISON AVE. N.Y.C. 10022

Dear Stan,

I have just finished reading RAWHIDE KID #61 about Wild Bill Hickok, and I was appalled at the impression you gave of Hickok. The noble picture you paint was anything but the truth. Students of western lore generally agree that Hickok got a cut from the sporting houses of Abilene while he was marshal there. How else could he have gambled with such heavy losses and still dressed in such fancy style? An incident which occurred in 1871 will remove any doubt about Hickok's image. One day Phil Coe (a big Texas gambler who had soundly thrashed Wild Bill the day before for being rude to a lady friend) used a six-gun to shoot a rabid dog. Hickok burst into the street and demanded to know what was going on. But before Coe could answer, Hickok shot him twice with derringers. He then caught a glimpse of a man down the street, whipped out his six-gun and killed his deputy, Mike Williams, by mistake. On the other hand, I would like to pay tribute to Bill Tilghman, Tom Smith and Tom Threepersons, who took their jobs seriously and tried to bring prisoners in alive. Tilghman and Smith paid for this attitude with their lives, but Threepersons retired with a clean conscience.

Neal Lam, 504 South St.
Douglas, Wyoming 82633

Which is more than we can do, Nealy — after that *history* lesson you just gave us! But, sheesh, we never saw Wild Bill painted that way on television! And that means somebody's gotta be wrong *somewhere!* So, range-riders, let us know who's right and who's wrong! We've lost enough sleep already!

Dear Stan,

RAWHIDE KID #61 was one of the best westerns I have ever seen. The artwork by Tom Sutton in "Blood is Thicker . . .!" was so good I whooped out loud, especially in the first page with the wind blowing and that one baddie's hat all scraggly! Woweee! Between Sutton and Trimpe, you have the best western artists in the whole business. Don't ever let it end! If you do I'm going to send a herd of steers down Madison Avenue after you!

Mike Burns, 1457 State St.
Fort Worth, Texas

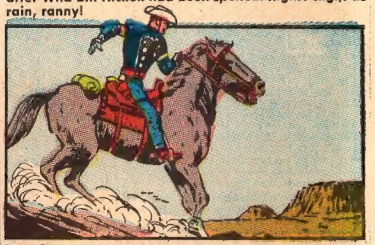
We *hope* not, podnuh, 'cause with the bearded look being the latest thing on Madison Avenue — we have a *hard enough* time telling the guys from the steers! We sure don't need any help from you!

Dear Stan,

I hate to bring this up because I know you try harder and all that jazz. But I'm gonna do it anyway. Wild Bill Hickok had a beard! Not only that, but he had a mustache, too! That character you've got Calamity Jane chasing after looks like Thor with a cowboy hat. I know it's too late to change it, but watch that stuff, okay?

Wild Bill Johnson, 47 Durr Lane
Rapid City, S. Dakota

Not *hardly*, Wild Willy! Shucks, our yarn took place *after* Wild Bill Hickok had been *spoiled!* Right? Right as rain, ranny!

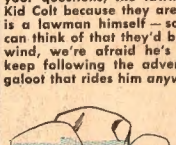


Dear Stan,

RAWHIDE KID is my favorite cowboy mag. I think Captain Cragg is the best western character to come along in years. I want to ask you one question, though. Why is the law always after Rawhide and Kid Colt and never the Two-Gun Kid?? Oh, and is Nightwind grey or black? I hope he's black — it's more nightly. You should make an ish with Wyatt Earp, Wild Bill Hickok and that Hi Ho Silver feller against Kid Colt, Rawhide, and Two-Gun. Well, so long for now!

David Crawford, 114-32 142 St.
Jamaica, New York

But only 'till next ish, we hope! Anyway, in answer to your questions, the lawmen are after Rawhide and Kid Colt because they are *wanted* criminals! Two-Gun is a lawman himself — so there isn't any reason we can think of that they'd be hunting him! As for Nightwind, we're afraid he's grey — but we hope you'll keep following the adventures of that six-shootin' galoot that rides him *anyway!*



See yuh next ish!

Rawhide

Now hear this! Please keep all letters no longer than ONE PAGE! Have mercy, mellow ones!

THE SENSES-SHATTERING SURPRISES GO ON AND ON—!

ITEM! You knew we'd do it sooner or later! First, we gave CAPTAIN AMERICA and the Incredible HULK their own mags, immediately followed by the cataclysmic appearances of IRON MAN and SUB-MARINER in their own pulse-pounding publications. Now, just as you've demanded, NICK FURY, AGENT OF SHIELD and the ever-mystifying DR. STRANGE have been awarded their own individual mags — on sale at this very minute (if you can make your way thru the crowds)! Yep, once again munificent Marvel gives you the rare opportunity to acquire a pair of practically priceless collectors' item first editions — as well as the chance to follow the frenzied fabled foibles of two of your favorite far-out frolickers in their own fantasy-filled feature-length books! (If only the word "books" also began with an *f*, we'd have set some kind of nutty record! Oh well . . .) So, don't waste a minute! For a penny less than two-bits, you can latch onto two of the newest, most exciting titles in print today — the demon-drenched drama of DR. STRANGE, and hard-bitten hang-ups of NICK FURY, AGENT OF SHIELD! Darlin' Doc is drawn by Dapper Dan Adkins, while nitty-gritty Nick is tossed at you by Jaunty Jimmy Steranko! All that's left is for you to GRAB 'EM, pilgrim! They're two more of Marvel's finest!

ITEM! Hang loose, hallowed one! You aint heard nothin' yet! At this very moment — even as you read these mind-expanding words — our bleary-eyed Bullpen brethren are busily creating full-length masterpieces featuring the MARVEL FAB FIVE, array of Marvel stars — power-packed sensations soon to be headlined in their own strips — all-time greats such as DR. DOOM — KA-ZAR — SILVER SURFER — and others too startling to mention! They'll all be yours in #68, just as we promised! Or, in the words of Fearless Forbush—"Who SAYS this isn't the Second Golden Age of Marvel!"

ITEM! We can't keep you in suspense any longer! It's time to unveil the final rank of Marveldom at last! You've already memorized our first five stiffs — RFO (Real Frantic One), a buyer of at least three Marvel mags per month — QNS (Quite 'Nuff Sayer), one who's had a letter printed within our pulsating pages — TTB (Titanic True Believer), he who hath won a No-Prize — KOF (Keeper of the Flame), one who recruits a newcomer to our ranks — and PMM (Permanent Marvelite Maximus), the supreme award for any who already possess the four preceding titles! And now, our special sixth category — FFF (Fearless Forbush), a purely honorary degree, approved and awarded by Smilin' Stan and a carefully chosen committee, for devotion to Marveldom above and beyond the call of duty! There you have 'em, faithful one — the complete list of Marvel titles, with which you may sign your daily correspondence, endorse your Nobel Peace Prize, or engrave upon the back of your Phi Beta Kappa pin. Now, if only WE can remember which is which!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now!

NOT BRAND ECHH #8: Run for the hills, gang — he's back! None other than feeble Forbush-Man has returned, to tackle almost every superhero in sight! It's the whackiest, wildest adventure into hysteria you've ever howled at! And wait'll you see who poor Forbie has to fight!

FANTASTIC FOUR #75: We've had the presses running overtime, but we'll never satisfy the demand for this one! The Silver Surfer is hiding from Galactus in a strange new world — and no words of ours can describe the wonder that awaits you!

SPIDER-MAN #61: How can you win a battle and still come out the loser? Well, it might be hard for you or us — but you've gotta see the maddening end of Spidey's adventure with the Kingpin — and the pounding problem that now awaits him!

AVENGERS #52: The Panther arrives on the Avengers scene — just in time to be accused of murdering everybody's favorite Assemblers—and then, to top it all off, along comes—the Grim Reaper! Hooo boy! It's a mind-snapper from start to finish!

X-MEN #44: The high-flying Angel escapes from the clutches of Magneto and digs out to find help — only to be confronted by the mechanically different good-bad guy since the Silver Surfer! We call him . . . the Red Raven — but you're gonna call him — great!

DAREDEVIL #40: Trying to save the world from the Exterminator's dreaded T-Ray, ol' Hornhead himself falls victim to the weirdest weapon of all time! And that's just the way the Ape-Man, Bird-Man, and Cat-Man want it! No wonder we call it "The Fallen Hero!"

MIGHTY THOR #152: We'll never get ourselves out of this one! The pandemonium increases as Odin, Ulik, Loki, Balder, Sif, Karnilla, and the Destroyer — are all just a few of the most colossally complicated plot since the Iliad!

CAPTAIN AMERICA #102: Well, it finally happened! The fearsome Fourth Sleeper has awakened—and now, just as the Red Skull planned, he sets out to destroy all civilization as we know it! And, while he's at it, he has his hands full with the evil Exiles!

INCREDIBLE HULK #104: After Asgardians and awesome aliens, you'd think an earth-born villain would be a pushover for ol' Green-Skin! But — not the rampaging Rhino! He's a brain-bustin' blast!

IRON MAN #2: Would'ja believe a vociferous new villain called the Demolisher, who possesses all the peerless powers of Iron Man himself? If not, just latch onto this illustrious ish! If it doesn't make a believer of you — we give up!

SUB-MARINER #2: This is it! At long last the most anxiously awaited clash of the year takes place when Triton leaves the Inhumans' sanctuary to tackle Subby — and the seven seas will never be the same again!

MARVEL'S SPACE-BORN SUPER-HERO! CAPTAIN MARVEL #2: With America's greatest missile complex in danger of being destroyed, Captain Marvel must defeat a villain with the combined powers of the Fantastic Four — the Super Skrull!

NICK FURY, AGENT OF SHIELD *(PREMIERE ISH)*: Following a ghastly assassination attempt on the life of Nick Fury, the stalwarts of SHIELD must learn . . . "Who Is Scorpio?" . . . and Captain James Bond fans, eat your hearts out!

DR. STRANGE *(PREMIERE ISH!)*: The Master of the Mystic Arts is finally in a mag of his own — and what more fitting way to kick off this stunning new series than with..."The Coming of Dr. Strange"? Amulet-polishers everywhere — this one's just for you!

SGT. FURY #54: Because you demanded it, Izzy Cohen blazes into combat again in a death-defying dash for freedom through the steaming jungles of Burma! Does he make it? Only after 20 pages of block-bustin' battle-action will you find out!

CAPTAIN SAVAGE #3: With their men captured by the legions of Baron Strucker, Capt. Savage and his Japanese counterpart, Sgt. Joe Morita, must fight side by side for survival on Hydra's island fortress! A guts-and-glory saga you won't forget!

MARVEL SUPERHEROES #14: An all-new, never-before-printed super-saga starring the one and only — SPIDER-MAN! All this plus more golden-age adventures of CAPTAIN AMERICA, SUB-MARINER, and the HUMAN TORCH, for a mere quarter? You'd better believe it!

MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS #15: The FF, Iron Man, Doctor Strange, and the Hulk — all in one incredible issue! Just goes to prove that only Marvel has the mags you never get tired of — Marvel after Marvel!

MARVEL TALES #14: SPIDEY, GIANT-MAN, THOR, and the magnificent MARVEL BOY — almost more than mortal Marvelite can bear! It's a must for you glitzy groovers in this goofy generation!

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Okay, we admit it! We just can't keep a secret! We're so excited about our newest and most ambitious project that we've GOT to tell you about it or we'll just plain bust! Remember how we always tried to upgrade the image of comic magazines? Well, we're now about to take our biggest step towards realizing that goal! Starting next month, mighty Marvel will present an entirely new concept in illustrated adventure tales — a magazine as different from the ordinary comic as a guided missile is different from a spitball!

It'll be bigger than the mag you're now reading — and will be printed on far more expensive, high-quality paper. The cover will be a full-color painting, and the price will be 35¢! Also, since it's a new, larger size, some dealers may not display it with their comics, but rather among other magazines — so be sure to look for it carefully. And, if you don't see it, ask for it — demand it — look for it!

Yet, despite the fact that this sensational issue will be a turning point in magazine history, it will feature the same thrills, action, and spectacular surprises for which Marvel is famous! And the artwork — hooo boy! Just wait till you see those inspiring drawings; clearer, sharper, far more dramatic than you ever imagined any illustrated epic could be!

But now you're wondering about the title! Which character will be featured? You're hoping we selected the right one for vital a test! Well, face front, flame-keeper! We think we've chosen the very same hero you yourself would have picked — possibly the most popular single fantasy character in the world today — none other than — your friendly neighborhood SPIDER-MAN!

That's all we can tell you now, 'cause we're still writing and drawing like crazy to make our deadline. But, while you're waiting for the big day, be sure to sock away three dimes and a nickel so that you'll have 'em when our 35¢ SPIDEY hits the stands. All of comicdom has been demanding this giant step forward — this long-awaited leap to the next plateau of literary greatness — and soon it will be yours! So, whatever you do — wherever you go — don't fumble the ball. By working together, we'll make the comic strip art form more prized and respected than ever thruout the world! And SPIDER-MAN is just the swinger to do it!

Excelsior!

—*Smiley.*

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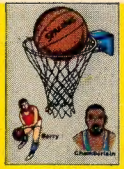

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